

KELOWNA HARVEST NEWSLETTER

THE GREATEST OF THESE

February is the month where the word “love” is used more often than usual. Our “love meter” seems to increase to some degree and certain demands are made of those we love more than would be normal. It’s interesting though that Jesus’ definition of love seems to almost fly in the face of what we perceive love to be. Whereas we want love demonstrated **towards us**, Jesus, in not so many words, implies that love is the exact opposite of that, is the **giving** of ourselves. When we would want a demonstration **from** someone to show us how much we are loved, Jesus said to Peter, “If you love me, feed my sheep”.

Then there is that chapter of 1 Corinthians with which we must contend when talking about love, which depicts love as being patient, kind, not boastful or proud, that which keeps no record of wrongs, etc. these words actually make love seem a whole lot more demanding than just the token giving of chocolates and or roses on Valentines day.

This month let us look inside and re-evaluate our definition and our expressions of love for and to each other and let us ask for the understanding of that which truly is the “the greatest of these”.

By Heather Lucier



February
is the
Month
of
Love!



Bob Jones said, “There is only one question the Lord will ask you when you stand before Him in death, “Did you learn to love?”

“All the foundations of God are built on love. If you’ve learned to love, then you have obeyed everything God wants you to do. Love, He is our greatest pleasure. When you are in love with Jesus, He becomes your greatest pleasure.” - Bob Jones

*Did you
learn to
love?*

- ⇒ Are you patient with those who rub you the wrong way?
- ⇒ Do you speak with kindness instead of harshness?
- ⇒ Do recall all the ways people have wronged you?
- ⇒ Is there envy in your heart?
- ⇒ Do you prefer others better than yourself?
- ⇒ Are you determined to get your own way?
- ⇒ Do you carry judgements in your heart towards others?

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JOINING FORCES TO FEED CHILDREN!

Since early December 2019, negotiations have been under way between Be A Hero management and Harvest Ministries leadership. The intent was to see if a partnership of sorts could be established that would allow for Harvest Ministries to take over and manage the designation of funds to several children's homes that Be A Hero has been working with for many years.

Since Be A Hero's inception with Wesley and Stacey Campbell at the head, they have raised millions of dollars for orphans and widows in world countries. This has been a passion of Wesley Campbell and a driving force in his ministry. In recent years however with their move to the USA and their increasingly busy schedules, Wesley has decided to dissolve the Canadian Be A Hero charity and continue only with Be A Hero USA.

This difficult decision left a gap in the organization's ability to facilitate the Canadian donors who give to designated children's homes each month, and the ability to get the funds to those homes without disruption.

That is where Harvest Ministries International comes into play. Not only has Art Lucier, director for Harvest Ministries, served as a board member for Be A Hero, Harvest Ministries is familiar with and in agreement with the Be A Hero mandate of feeding orphans and widows.

An added bonus is that some of our staff have worked for Be A Hero in the past, and Harvest

Ministries already has the internal mechanisms in place to transfer funds.

All things considered it seemed like a logical, God given opportunity for Harvest Ministries to become involved. As of January 2020, Harvest Ministries has taken on the job of gathering and sending of funds to specified Be A Hero children's homes.

We are very excited about this new partnership as it not only reduces the administrative costs that both Charities were obligated to fulfill, but most importantly it now gives Harvest Ministries an avenue for helping orphans and widows, which is part of our heart's desire, mandate and biblical responsibility.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure **and** faultless is this: to look after **orphans and widows** in their distress **and** to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

So, for those of you who give to Be A Hero on a monthly basis already, nothing needs to change! We have amalgamated systems, and all that is required of you is that you continue to give. For those who would like to help feed our orphans and widows, please call our office during the week and speak with Art Mercer who is now overseeing this department. He can be reached @ 236-420-1980.

Multiplied blessings as you fulfill God's mandate and give to those in need.

-H. Lucier

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AND ONCE AGAIN, THE PHARAOH'S CANDY HEARTS WERE HARDENED



Valentines Day *February 14, 2020*

DINNER *6:00pm*

We had such great success with our Christmas Community Dinner that we want to do something on a more regular basis. So, with it being February and the month of "Love", with common consensus we have decided to do a Valentines Day Dinner for the homeless. What better way is there to express love than to feed someone who is hungry.

As always we will need volunteers to help prepare and serve food, also for set-up and clean-up. If you would like to donate finances to help facilitate the dinner, you are welcome to do that as well. Most importantly we will need a couple of drivers who have their class 2 drivers license and can drive a 15 seater passenger van. We will be renting a couple large vans for this event as the Eagle Rider bus will not be available. Please let Gwen Mercer know if you can volunteer to drive.

Let's join together and serve our community this Valentines Day.

School of the Prophets

Presented by
RENEWAL REFORMATION ALLIANCE

February 21st & 22nd
No Service @ Harvest Studio on Feb 22nd

W KHF Women's Ministry

Ladies, Come join us @ Harvest Studio!

February 23rd

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Come on out and bring a friend.

YOUTH

February 7th 7:00pm
at the Harvest studio.
300-1634 Harvey ave.

Fellowship Dinner



February 29th
4:30PM

Bring some food and come fellowship with us before the evening service.

This is a great opportunity to get to know one another and share our lives.

Finding your Voice

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sandman Inn
2130 Harvey Ave, Kelowna
\$29/person

April 17, 2020
6:30pm

April 18, 2020
9:30am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm

Registration opens at 4:30pm on April 17, then join us for a meet & greet until the event begins at 6:30pm.

Register at www.theharvest.ca




With Shirley Robinson & Heather Lucier

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Harvest MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Kelowna Food Bank

February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 HEALING SERVICE 
2	3	4 Prophetic Prayer 6:30PM	5	6 Mercer Home Group 7:00PM	7 	8 Saturday Nite Service 6:00 PM
9	10	11 Prophetic Prayer 6:30PM	12	13 Mercer Home Group CANCELLED!	14 <i>Valentines Day</i> DINNER 6:00PM	15 Saturday Nite Service 6:00 PM
16	17	18 	19	20	21 <i>School of the Prophets</i> 	22
23  Women's Ministry Gathering 4:00PM	24	25 Prophetic Prayer 6:30PM	26	27 Mercer Home Group 7:00PM	28 Fellowship Dinner  4:30	29 Saturday Nite Service 6:00 PM



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

We have set up a prayer chain for our Harvest Church. If you have a prayer need, OR if you would like to be a part of the prayer chain ministry you can email us at laverne@theharvest or you can call the Harvest Offices at 236-420-1980



Is Healing for Today?
ABSOLUTELY!!!

We are contending to see the manifestation of healing in the body of Christ and in our Church.

The **1st Saturday** of each month we will be having a healing service! Come ready to contend and believe for a physical manifestation of God's healing power in our bodies.

We also would like testimonies of those who have been healed as this increases everyone's faith. Please speak with Heather if you have a testimony to share.

Prophetic Prayer

Every Tuesday night
6:30PM

@Harvest Studio

Come get plugged into the prophetic prayer and flow that changes lives and nations!

Led by Katheren Welwood and Will Dunford

Please arrive before 7:30pm as the doors to the front of the building will be locked.

IT'S TIME FOR

BATTLE FOR
CANADA
KELOWNA

Time is ticking away quickly and there are things that need to be done as we round the corner for Battle for Canada.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

The official sign-up is now online **for those who would like to sign up online.**
We are using SignUp.com (*the leading online SignUp and reminder tool*) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Type in this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/go/AzRisXm>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will **NOT** need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address or **if you need help with the sign-up, please contact Devonne-Dee and she can sign you up manually.** You can reach her at 236-420-1980.

ONE OF OUR BIGGEST NEEDS WILL BE HELP WITH SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN. WE WILL NEED HELP ON THE MORNING OF THE 18TH SETTING UP PIPE & DRAPE, TABLES, DECORATING, ETC. WE WILL ALSO NEED A LOT OF HELP AFTER THE EVENT FOR THE TEAR-DOWN, SO PLEASE STAY LATE WITH US IF YOU CAN. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN, PLEASE LET DEVONNE-DEE KNOW AS SHE WILL BE MAKING A LIST OF HELPERS.

CAN YOU HELP MEET SOME OF THESE NEEDS?

Leanne Lucier is in charge of setting up the green room for our guests at Battle For Canada as well as decorating several rooms that will be set aside for specific purposes. If you have any decorations that you would not mind lending us for the event, it would be greatly appreciated. Here is a list of items that are needed. If you can lend any of these items for the event, please speak with Leanne or call her @ **250-808-6976**.



- ◆ Throw Pillows in NUTRAL AND LIGHT COLOURS ONLY
- ◆ Throw Blankets in NUTRAL AND LIGHT COLOURS ONLY
- ◆ Artificial Greenery
- ◆ Floor Rugs
- ◆ Empty Wine and Oil bottles (*like Olive Oil bottles*)
- ◆ Prophetic Art: such as Eagles, Canadian Décor, etc
- ◆ Small Wooden Crates

BATTLE FOR CANADA... A BATTLE FOR LOVE...

MUSINGS FOR 2020

by Will Dunford

"By aligning our thoughts with the Spirit of God, the things God has already prepared for us will be revealed."

Are you ready for February thoughts with the Spirit of God, the 2020? Do you have a sense of excitement or foreboding? Is the beginning of a new year and a new decade more spiritually significant than 2019? I am somewhat surprised that many Christians think (or say) "Bah, Humbug" - nothing is different than last year - nothing will change! Well, I've got news for you. Things are changing in the spirit realm at a pace we have not seen before.

At the beginning of December (2019) at Kelowna Harvest Fellowship, the Lord told me to look around - look to the left and to the right, - and take a mental picture (as opposed to a selfie!). The words came "remember this - in one year, everything will be different". He did not say what would change, but the sense was that these changes would be good. At the beginning of 2019, the Bible verse that was illuminated for me was 1Corinthians 2:9,10. "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, what no human mind has conceived, things God has prepared for those WHO LOVE HIM. These things God has revealed TO US by His Spirit".

Are you a lover of God? Did you see any miracles in 2019? Do you want to see incredible things in 2020? The good thing about Bible verses is that they don't expire! There is no "Best before" date on them. In these verses from Corinthians, there are amazing promises. By aligning our

thoughts with the Spirit of God, the things God has already prepared for us will be revealed. Then we will see, hear, think, and do what Jesus calls us to do.

For 2020, I have some unexpected highlights from Scripture to share with you. They do not fit in the regular categories, such as Isaiah 40:31, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 28:18-20 (Awesome verses!). Rather it comes from Revelation 5:10, with a link to 1Peter 2:9,10. The essence of these verses - to me - is that we are Kings AND Priests, a Royal Priesthood.

Believers from every tribe, language, people and nation are destined to reign on the earth. And this isn't far in the future - this is NOW. We have both the governmental authority (Kings) and spiritual authority (Priests). God is training us to walk in this authority. The key to operating in this supernatural realm is through love and obedience. If you love God you will be obedient to His Word and His ways.

Let's move on. Topics I found to be very significant in 2019 included alignment, authority, and the fear of the Lord. One topic that is burning in my heart for 2020 is LIGHT. The first recorded words spoken by God were "Let there be Light". And guess what - there was light! (More than just visible light, but that is a different topic). Verses about light are peppered throughout scripture. Ask

the Lord to give you rhema revelation about light, and how light is an integral part of His very being. Here are just a few expressions of light, natural and supernatural:

ANGELIC LIGHTS - like the shepherds' witnessed **NORTHERN**

LIGHTS (Aurora borealis) disturbances in the earth's magnetic field reacting with solar wind. Watch for this in February. **COSMIC LIGHTS** - from trillions of stars **THE LIGHT OF HIS GLORY** - Shekinah Glory **HEAVENLY LIGHT** - don't need sunlight in heaven **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** - wonderful Jesus. Here is just one verse from the myriad of light verses: 1John.1:5 "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all." Hallelujah!

Finally, let's talk about CANADA. We are on a mission, with our Leader Art Lucier, and thousands of other Canadians, to push back the darkness over our country. We have participated in 3 Battle for Canada's, and are now preparing for Battle for Canada Kelowna, and

Battle for Canada Winnipeg.

These are key 2020 events that will shape our church, our city, and our nation. Details are available in this newsletter, and on the Battle for Canada web site.

In the Kelowna Battle, we will be revealing a new strategy that has been waiting in the wings - Prophetic Empowerment! Kelowna has been identified as a prophetic power (eagle's nest) for decades, but primarily in a defensive position. I believe a shift is going to occur (already happening), and we will begin to advance the Kingdom of God in a proactive fashion. I cannot overemphasize how important this is for our local church (Kelowna Harvest Fellowship) and for our city. Churches are changing. Jesus is building His church, but it won't come without contending and much prayer. I urge you to take your position in the body of Christ. Now is the time!

-Will Dunford



Will Dunford shared something last Saturday night that I thought was worthy of mentioning again. He gave some clues to use to help us when reading the bible. There were two clues but it is the first one that really resonated with me and I want to reiterate to us all.

"Before you open your Bible, remember you are in the presence of God. Remind yourself that God is the primary author of Scripture and that what you are seeking is the personal togetherness that you would hope for if you were opening a letter from someone you knew cared for you. Remember that and think of it consciously before you do anything else. Then ask God to speak to you, and make you listen as you read."

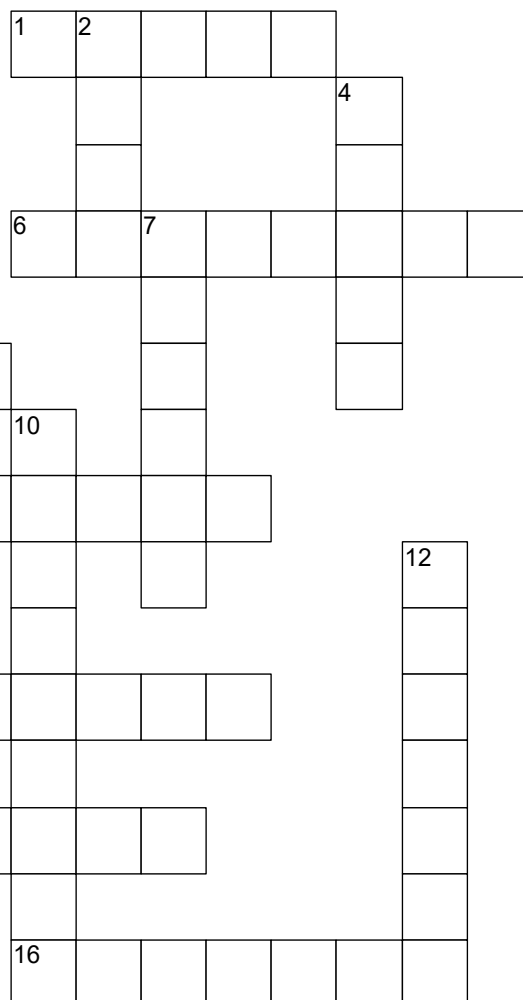
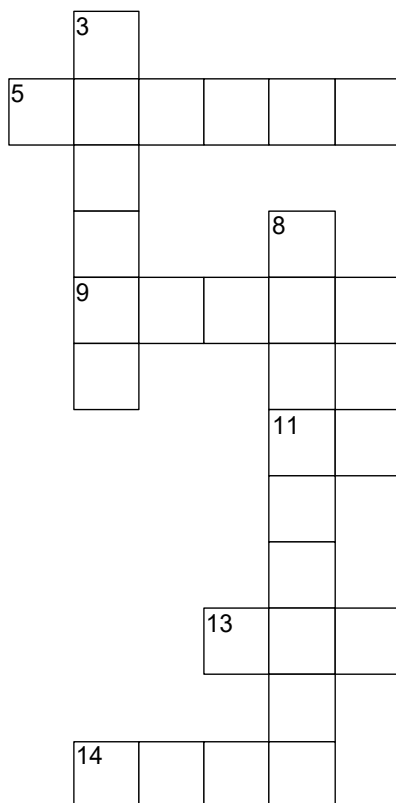
As we look at this month's Bible Reading Challenge let's ask God what He would say to us. **James 1:27** quoted on page 2

gives a definition of what God considers to be pure religion. It's interesting that this definition is very much different than what the world sees as religion or what we as believers would define religion to be. This is an example and reason why we need to read, study, listen and learn the Word of God. So that we can align our understanding with the Word of God!

Let's read the book of **JAMES** this month. Only 5 short chapters, James is packed full of how to live a successful Christian life, every day. Let's read these 5 chapters, 5 times this month. 5 being the number of grace.

"Things are changing in the spirit realm at a pace we have not seen before."

VALENTINES CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1 Cupid's weapon of choice.
- 5 Love covers these (Prov10:12)
- 6 The month of love.
- 9 What can separate us from God's love (Rom8:38)
- 11 If you love God, keep these. (John14:15)
- 13 The way love waits.
- 14 His banner over me is _____.
- 15 A golden symbol of love.
- 16 Love even these. (Matt5:44)

DOWN

- 2 The flower of love.
- 3 A _____ loves at all times. (Prov17:17)
- 4 Love the Lord your God with all your _____.
- 7 Love _____ up. (1Cor8:1)
- 8 Something we consume a lot of on Valentines
- 10 Will you be my _____.
- 12 We are to love by our _____. (1John3:18)